

Abstract

The present invention includes a method and kit for growing cross-shaped crystals by complexing tartrate anions with cations.

1. A method for growing cross-shaped crystals, comprising:
a) providing a solution of a tartrate anion and a cation;
b) providing a seed crystal of a tartrate anion and a cation;
c) growing a cross-shaped crystal from the seed crystal in the solution;
d) separating the cross-shaped crystal from the solution;
e) drying the cross-shaped crystal.